



# Mississippi Labor Market

## Tracking Mississippi's Workforce

### May 2004

#### Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

	Apr 04 Preliminary	Mar 04 Revised	Apr 03 Revised		Apr 04 Preliminary	Mar 04 Revised	Apr 03 Revised
<b>Total Nonfarm Employed</b>	<b>1,124.7</b>	<b>1,118.1</b>	<b>1,116.9</b>	<b>Utilities</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>	Electric Power	5.3	5.3	5.5
<b>Construction</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>Transportation &amp; Warehousing</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>37.5</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>179.6</b>	<b>178.9</b>	<b>179.4</b>	Warehousing & Storage	7.6	7.7	8.1
<b>Durable Goods</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>112.6</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>
Wood Products	12.8	12.8	13.3	Telecommunications	8.0	7.9	8.0
Sawmill- Wood Preservation	5.7	5.7	5.8	<b>Finance &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>34.1</b>
Primary Metals	2.6	2.6	2.7	Credit Intermediation	21.5	21.4	21.0
Fabricated Metals	11.2	11.7	11.7	Depository Credit Intermediation	15.3	15.2	15.3
Machinery	11.4	11.4	12.5	Insurance Carriers	11.3	11.5	11.5
Ventilation - Heating - Air Condition	4.0	3.9	4.2	<b>Real Estate &amp; Rental</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>11.7</b>
Computers - Electronics	3.1	3.0	3.0	<b>Prof., Scient., Technical Services</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>29.0</b>
Electrical Equipment & Appliances	8.9	8.7	9.2	<b>Management of Companies</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Electrical Equipment	3.8	3.7	4.3	<b>Admin Spt &amp; Waste Management</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>39.3</b>
Transportation Equipment	27.9	27.5	23.2	<b>Education Services</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.6</b>
Motor Vehicle Parts	6.6	6.5	6.5	<b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>101.4</b>
Ship & Boat Building	15.3	15.4	13.3	Hospitals	30.5	30.2	29.6
Furniture	28.9	28.8	27.9	Nursing & Resident Care	20.4	20.4	19.8
<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>Arts, Entertainment, Recreation</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Food Products	27.8	27.6	27.6	Amusements, Gambling, Recreation	11.4	11.2	12.1
Animal Slaughtering	19.5	19.7	19.9	Gambling	5.7	5.7	6.5
Apparel	5.3	5.4	6.0	<b>Accommodation &amp; Food Services</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>110.7</b>
Paper Products	5.6	5.7	6.6	Accommodation	37.6	37.5	37.8
Pulp, Paper, Paperboard	2.2	2.2	2.9	Food Services & Drinking	73.8	72.6	72.9
Converted Paper Products	3.4	3.5	3.7	<b>Other Services (Private)</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>38.0</b>
Chemicals	5.7	5.8	7.0	Repair & Maintenance	9.8	9.6	10.6
Plastics & Rubber	9.4	9.3	9.4	<b>Government</b>	<b>247.6</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>243.7</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>34.7</b>	Federal	25.6	25.6	25.6
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>137.9</b>	<b>136.5</b>	State	63.4	63.3	62.8
Food & Beverage Stores	19.1	19.4	19.4	State Education	23.5	23.4	22.7
Grocery Stores	17.6	17.8	17.5	Local	158.6	158.5	155.3
General Merchandise	38.7	38.1	37.0	Local Education	86.7	86.7	84.2
Department Stores	10.8	10.6	10.7				
Other General Merchandise	27.9	27.5	26.3				

**NOTE: All data expressed in thousands**

## Hours and Earnings for Selected Industries

	Avg Weekly Earnings			Avg. Weekly Hours			Avg. Hourly Earnings		
	Apr 04	Mar 04	Apr 03	Apr 04	Mar 04	Apr 03	Apr 04	Mar 04	Apr 03
Manufacturing	\$517.80	\$522.69	\$486.29	39.8	40.3	38.2	\$13.01	\$12.97	\$12.73
Durable Goods	548.10	562.02	508.28	40.6	41.6	38.8	13.50	13.51	13.10
Wood Products	450.29	464.38	431.35	42.4	43.4	40.2	10.62	10.70	10.73
Fabricated Metals	541.84	533.65	509.84	39.9	39.5	36.6	13.58	13.51	13.93
Machinery	608.75	566.50	539.28	42.9	41.2	42.0	14.19	13.75	12.84
Furniture	480.32	496.94	435.37	39.5	40.6	36.1	12.16	12.24	12.06
Nondurable Goods	466.62	454.10	452.45	38.5	38.0	37.3	12.12	11.95	12.13
Food Products	380.70	371.01	357.70	38.3	37.4	36.8	9.94	9.92	9.72

### Comments - Unadjusted Data

- ◆ Based on employer reports, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 6,600 from March and 7,800 from one year ago.
- ◆ Manufacturing showed an increase of 700 jobs over the month and 200 since April 2003.
- ◆ The largest monthly employment increase occurred in construction with 2,100 more jobs.
- ◆ The April unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.6.
- ◆ Other significant monthly employment increases occurred in administrative & support & waste management (1,000) and in accommodation & food services (1,300).
- ◆ The civilian labor force grew with 900 more people than March. Unemployed individuals decreased 700 while employed individuals increased 1,600 over the month.

### U.S. Consumer Price Index - Base Year = 1982-84 = 100

Wage Earners & Clerical	Apr 04	Mar 04	Apr 03	Wage Earners & Clerical	Apr 04	Mar 04	Apr 03
All Items	183.5	182.9	179.8	Medical Care	307.7	306.9	293.7
Food & Beverages	184.5	184.4	178.3	Recreation / 1	106.7	106.5	105.4
Housing	183.6	183.2	179.7	Education & Communications / 1	109.6	109.8	108.4
Apparel	123.8	122.9	122.8	Other Goods & Services	311.3	310.8	306.4
Transportation	159.9	158.5	158.5	<b>All Urban Consumers</b>			
/ 1 Indexes on a December 1997 = 100 base				All Items	188.0	187.4	183.8

### Mississippi Labor Force

(Data based on Place of Residence - Expressed in Thousands)

	Apr 04	Mar 04	Apr 03		Apr 04	Mar 04	Apr 03
	Prelim.	Revised	Revised		Prelim.	Revised	Revised
	<b>(Not Seasonally Adjusted)</b>				<b>(Seasonally Adjusted)</b>		
Labor Force	1,306.5	1,305.6	1,307.2	Labor Force	1,311.6	1,303.2	1,312.4
Unemployed	59.6	60.3	82.0	Unemployed	66.2	55.4	88.6
Rate	4.6%	4.6%	6.3%	Rate	5.0%	4.3%	6.8%
Employed	1,246.9	1,245.3	1,225.2	Employed	1,245.4	1,247.8	1,223.8
<b>U.S. Rate</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>U.S. Rate</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>

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